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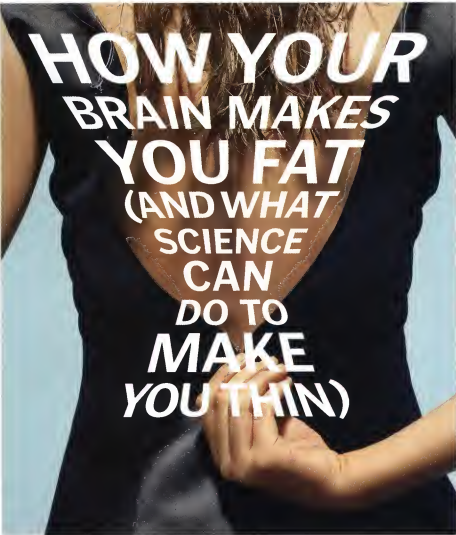
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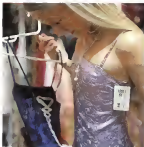
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Book editor Pamela Young and photo editor/designer Janice Van Eek mined Maclean's archives to uncover the images and words that best reflect 100 enduring Canadian preoccupations.

For the most part, our obsessions—history, the weather, national identity—have stayed remarkably constant over the years, says Young. "Not surprisingly, hockey topped the list. On the other hand, our fascination with British royalty has waned considerably since the 1960s."

Young likens the project to being handed a jigsaw puzzle box containing thousands of pieces. "You don't know what the end result will look like. Just that only a few of the pieces will ultimately fit together to complete the puzzle."

These pieces were largely visual, says Van Eek. "If we couldn't find compelling imagery—photos, illustrations, covers or editorial cartoons—in the archives, we dropped the topic from the lineup."

One of her favourites was a 1914 photo of Anne Murray getting ready to drink from a stubby beer bottle because it was so at odds with her queen image. The photo was paired with a picture of the Stanley Cup taken in an Edmonton strip club in the 1980s to create icons.

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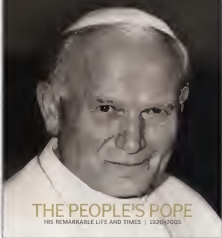
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Reputations | When there is more than a fly in the food

It's the very stuff of urban legend: Everyone knows someone who knows someone who has found, like your pick, a spider in the soup, a rodent in the fried chicken, some sort of strange furry protein in the takeout bucket.

Still, for a family-oriented fast-food chain like Wendy's, the case of the mysterious manna-meat finger—two pieces almost four centimetres in total length, claimed to have been found in a bowl of chili at a San Jose, Calif., outlet—has taken on a life of its own. No matter that the woman who said she bit down on the displaced digit on March 22, 39-year-old Anna Ayala of Las Vegas, dropped her son against Wendy's and has since been charged with larceny (She denies she planted the finger.) The fact that there is an actual finger to be studied, CSI-like—in the DNA match, was it cooked?—has turned the event into a feast for talk shows



Ayala claims that she found a finger in her chili went family-friendly Wendy's into full-scale damage control

and late-night comedians. Joy Lenz's "Lolita's know Wendy's served finger food."

To its credit, the chain has done much to get to the bottom of this PR disaster. It has checked its staff and suppliers for missing digits, it has had them tested for detecto-rodents, it has explained how its chili is mixed with a squirrel specifically to work out the big chunks. It is even offering free Frosties in certain areas where business has fallen by half—and a \$300,000 reward for information on the finger. Wendy's will likely bounce back. Tylenda did after the 1982 scare, when some of its capsules were found laced with cyanide. So did Wendy's after a robbery in New York City in 2000 that left the employer on dead. But it may have to do more than free Frosties if it manages one. The cyanide-finding finger-meat and the bite—have already scared it, so everyone knew they would

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SWAT MONKEY
Moss, Aru + police consider adding capsaicin monkey to other SWAT teams for highway & building entry and searches. Moss may never work, but brace for inevitable series of "badly" movies starring little Murphy as crime-busting bc. baddies.



HORSE SENSE
Vancouver police may lift ban on female officers wearing pantsuits. Other forces say jeans unfashioned that has can be grabbed during fight. Staff to research appropriate tail lengths, in hard words of science residents.



GREAT NEWS
Restored Good Wall of China to Great. Historic edifice can be seen from space, after all. China's first astronaut failed to spot it, but wrote salvaged as U.S. space news. Lately, China says photo while orbiting at 160 mi. Canceled the space program in there are no chance visitors to conquer.



CATCH MEER
Mugger gas prices, but man without car not out of fuel by a long busy Times. Conclude highway at Toronto, B.C., in bid for help. Playing dead found from a box, but could have left him gas-free only road.

Quote of the week | "Knowing what I've learned this past year, I am sorry...that I wasn't more vigilant." **PAUL MARTIN** does TV damage control on *Canwest*

Mansbridge on the Record



AN UNRULY HOUSE

Name two things this Parliament has accomplished. Okay, how about one?

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM, even after Paul Martin's reformed plan for more time, has it that an election will be called before the summer begins, and a quick visit to Parliament Hill can leave one thinking perhaps that's the way it should be. The other day I was in Ottawa and sat in the red press gallery, the one above the Speaker's chair in the House of Commons.

It was hard to see anyone down on the Commons floor, from any party, who looked like they thought they'd be there much longer. Ministers, and their wannabes on the other side of the threshold, were throwing their BlackBerry functionally—I believe most of them were emailing their lawn-owen. The few who were there on a Friday, when attendance often is low, weren't paying much attention. Three of the party leaders were absent, but Jack Layton was there and behind him was Ed Broadbent, who really *was* wonder what happened to those great parliamentary sparring matches and policy debates of yesteryear. From above, unless you're wearing a headset, it's almost impossible to hear any of the action on the floor because of the name-calling and heckling below.

In my 45 minutes there, I noticed serious attention only if fed into one speaker—Billinda Stourach. Around the Commons, most other conversations stopped and eyes were directed to the much publicized Conservative MP who really does seem like a breed apart from the rest. I had caught a glimpse of her rehearsing her question, musing the words she was going to say,

“Unless you're wearing a headset, it's difficult to hear the action on the Commons floor because of this name-calling.”

about 10 minutes before she asked it. If the polls are right, she might want to start working on her answering skills and stop worrying about the questions.

What happened to this minority Parliament and the pledge of all parties to try to make it work? The thought that a government could be kept in check and forced to pay attention to public concerns was something that poll after poll in last year's campaign registered. Has it worked out that way? Name two things this Parliament has accomplished. Okay, how about one? The budget, introduced two months ago, still hasn't been formally passed—and the major opposition party said it liked the budget. So when that question about the value of minority government is posed in the next campaign, how will Canadians respond? Keep in mind that some observers think we may be at the start of a period similar to the one from 1937 to 1939—a time governments elected in that span were minorities. Stay youngists on, we could be on quite the ride.

Back to those lawn signs. Will Liberal candidates, whose brand, given Gomery, has rarely been lower, put their party name or even their logo on their placards? And the Conservatives have issues too—Stephen Harper has made gains with his image, but he still does scare some people, so will his face or name be on the Tory cardboard, especially in competitive Ontario?

Before I left the Commons, I looked toward the public galleries. About half the seats were occupied, mostly by school kids. One woman that was watching the “business of Canada” unfolding before them was to be one of those outings that really makes a difference in a young person's view of the country. I estimated their faces closely—most didn't seem impressed.

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FaceTime

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WORLD

IRAQ Officials pulled at least 60 bodies—men, women and children—from the Tigris River. The ill-fated corpses were believed to be minority Shi'as from Madaya, just south of Baghdad, who were reported to have been held hostage by Sunni insurgents two weeks ago. If true, the massacre would mark a sharp escalation in rebel strategy: a type of ethnic cleansing that has so far not been part of the current war.

ECUADOR Driven from office for a series of perceived abuses, including trying to stifle Ecuador's supreme court, former president Lucio Gutiérrez took refuge in the Brazilian embassy in Quito. As he hid, large crowds demonstrated on the runway of the capital's main airport to prevent his getaway. Brazil offered permanent asylum, assuring Gutiérrez he'd be allowed to leave the country. He is the third Ecuadorian president in nine years to be forced from office.

ASIA Attempting to defuse the often-violent anti-Japan protests that have been sweeping China, Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi expressed his "deep remorse" for the aggression his country unleashed on its Asian neighbours during the Second World War. But it was not immediately clear whether Chinese President Hu Jintao was willing to defuse the two rivals' worst raw nerves. Sparked by the release of a new Japanese docu-



mentist government's bid to legalize same-sex marriage and allow gay couples to adopt. If it passes the Senate, predominantly Catholic Spain will become the third European country after Belgium and the Netherlands, to allow gay weddings.

GAELI In a new twist on an old intrigue, a Roman court charged

ROBO-RIDER Criticized the riding kids as young as 7 as jockeys, the dualists of Qatar introduced robot riders for the popular sport of camel racing. Swiss-made and remote-controlled, the cyber-jockeys have come within 30 seconds of breaking the track record, set by a child.

books that, China says, do not acknowledge Japan's wartime atrocities, the dispute took on added intensity when the Tokyo High Court rejected compensation to Chinese who had suffered from germ warfare experiments and in the Nanjing Massacre during the war.

SAME SEX It earned them immediate censure from the new Pope. Undeterred, Spanish lawmakers passed the

four people, two with Mafia connections, with the 1982 murder of Roberto Calvi, a high-flying financier dubbed "God's banker" because of his close ties to the Vatican. Calvi was found hanged from London's Blackfriars Bridge, an apparent suicide. But prosecutors say he was killed because he ripped off the Mafia as well as Licio Gelli, the alleged head of a shadowy Masonic organization called P2.

EDUCATION An estimated 86 per cent of primary-school-age children in developing countries will attend classes on a regular basis, UNICEF reported, noting a substantial increase over previous years. Still, about 100 million kids will not.

WARNINGS In his strongest statement yet, Alan Greenspan, chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, said the giant American economy faces "stagflation or worse" if it doesn't rein in its budget deficit—a record US\$413 billion last year—as a result of rising social security costs and tax cuts.

Meanwhile, a respected London-based firm reported world oil production will peak in the next two years, after which there will not be enough new projects on the go to offset declining production.

BUSINESS

RAVELSTON It was the family holding company he inherited from his father, and the redeemer he deployed to launch himself into the heart of the Canadian financial industry in the late 1970s. The legendary financier Conrad Black resigned as director of his private firm, Ravelston, as he watched it ushered into receivership. Because of the

BY MICHAEL DEARDORF



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Mary Janigan | ON THE ISSUES



MORE MARTIN DITHERING

The PM's approach to federal-provincial relations has caused escalating anger

THERE ARE SENIOR Ottawa mandarins who have received bizarre phone calls from the PMO with concise orders one-day and then, the next day, heated courtesy reminders from another operative. Such individuals in a near-fatal blow, the sign of a government that doesn't know where it wants to go. And nowhere is that more evident or more perilous to our national survival than in Paul Martin's uneven dealings with the provinces.

The two levels of government, after working for generations, are now in an unenviable quandary: the largely cash-strapped provinces must find funds for priority responsibilities such as health—while the feds flail like paper planes with new spending demands as soon as their tariff. Martin came to power with bland words about accommodating diversity, which could mean anything. Instead, his ambitious notions such as a national child-care plan are being dogged by conflicting signals. Belations have deteriorated into a free-for-all of individual flaming desks and escalating anger. "There seems to be a large measure of what I would call bad-harmony," says Queen's University's renowned federalism expert Ron Watts. "In Quebec, resentment for this particular

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One expert warns: In Quebec, resentment for these desks is close to disastrous. We're closer to breaking up than we have ever been.”
Meanwhile, the infusion of auto provincial cash there has been particularly sharp. There is no way to tell national child care: Canada has looming skill shortages, and this would facilitate the participation of women into labour force. Instead,

without a conceptual framework, the PMO sent Social Development Minister Ken Dryden to forge a vague agreement on flexible approaches with the provinces. Then Ottawa earmarked \$5 billion for children over five years, removing any provincial incentive to do a real deal. It is almost wrenching to read Dryden's face-saving speeches now.

Similarly, Ottawa has made separate deals with Nova Scotia and Newfoundland to enrich their transfers by excluding offshore energy revenues when calculating payments. And it has overhauled the equalization program to guarantee ever-growing funds to poorer provinces in perpetuity, even if they get richer, to the dismay of oil-rich Alberta. Now, almost every premier is seething about unfairness—and Martin is dodging them all. "I can only conclude the PM believes in everything—and nothing," observes an Ottawa policy expert.

These are lethal but apt words. As the sponsorship inquiry increasingly erodes the reputation of federalism in Quebec, as, in general, Jean Charest, bourgeois first withdrawal, there is only one way out. First, a little less in this not-so-maintaining game. Martin must stop micromanaging—and develop a coherent view of where he wants to take the country as a federation. "That could be used as a touchstone for what policies are adopted," says Watts dryly.

As well, Martin must tap the talents of the expert panel he established to divvy up the new equalization owed: it should examine the whole issue of fiscal federalism, how much should really go where, before the nation blows up in his face. Now, federal transfers from health to welfare to unemployment assistance are already higher per capita for poorer provinces. This cannot last. It is time for the PM to stop buying quick fixes—and start figuring out where he really stands. **E**

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Passages

EXCELLED She sliced through glass ceilings, was left uncured by cynicism and did not spend idle moments musing on *Flamingo*. Hackett, 33, of Edmonton was the first CanCon spelling bee and a \$10,000 scholarship sponsor. CanWest MediaWorld. She was one of 22 students whittled down from over 10,000 students nationwide.

RECOVERING Cowboy trouble on his own terms, 71, is resting at his Alberta ranch after losing his MoonPie, Sask., hospital with chest pains and post cardiac, an inflammation of the sac around the heart. He has postponed several concerts but is determined to play, as scheduled, for Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip when they turn up for Alberta's centenary in May.

COMPETING Filmmakers Anson Egozyan, 44, and David Cusackenberg, 62, will go head-to-head at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival. Egozyan made the short *Let Us Where the Irish Live* and Cusackenberg for *A History of Violence*—the first time since 1977 two Canadian films have vied for the top prize.

DIED He was an artist and storyteller who went to the Far North after the Second World War on a whim and fell in love with Inuit culture. Toronto-born James Houston, who died of heart disease in a Connecticut hospital at 83, was the man who brought Inuit carvings to the attention of the world. Later a designer for Seiblen Glass in the U.S., he was also a superb painter in his own right. His bags, personal Aurora Borealis prints situate in Calgary's Glenbow Museum.

RETURNING One of the world's greatest athletes, Lance Armstrong, 33, the downworld Tour who bested cancer to win six grueling Tour de France bike races, says this summer's event will be his last pro ride, and he is resolved to go out a winner.



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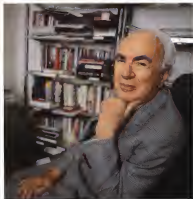
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Interview | ALLAN GOTLIEB

'FOREIGN POLICY REVIEWS SHOULD NOT BE CONDUCTED'

THE RELEASE of the federal government's international policy statements last week ended one of Ottawa's longest warring games. After months of delay, the Liberals put out a thick package of policy papers. Among the goals: send more diplomats abroad, revamp the military command structure, focus aid on lower power countries, and forge stronger ties with emerging giants like China and Brazil. But does just trying out such aims mean much? Allan Gotlieb, who was Canada's ambassador to Washington from 1981 to 1988, has long argued for reform in foreign policy, raised directly or strongly in talks with the U.S.

Do you find your perspective reflected anywhere in the policy statements?

There are different threads in there that don't weave too well together. But it does say that the first duty of the government's foreign policy is to protect Canadian citizens. And it does recognize, even when it goes off into larger multilateral ambitions, that

the key to influence runs through Washington. So there is a realism there, I think.

But I sense you're not entirely convinced.

It really doesn't reflect a vision of a single North American market. It doesn't address the global goals, such as building a single common economic space, establishing a common

external tariff, abolishing trade remedies. They kind of skirt around that in the paper. It makes it very difficult to be optimistic.

What's wrong with Canada-U.S. relations?

One problem is U.S. concerns about border security. Commitment to a common security perimeter has got to be strong if the border is not going to become an impediment to trade and, even more, to the movement of people. The goal should be that when people enter North America, they pass through a security perimeter and can move freely about like you do in Europe.

But wouldn't Canada's independence be jeopardized if we were more integrated?

I believe that if you have two integrated economies, stabilized by law and institutions, you have more reason for differences. You're less subject to economic retaliation. Look at the Europeans. They have a common market and a single currency, but look at how different they were on the Iraq war.

How about the government's stance on the rest of the world?

There's this rather encouraging, realistic line about national interest that runs through the documents. But the drafters have been closer to expediting it to say that it is Canada's national interest to save the world. There's a good deal of high-flying rhetoric, statements about how great we are.

What's wrong with a little cheerleading?

It makes unrealistic expectations. It's not a very big leap to start thinking about your self as a moral superpower. Why aren't we changing things with it? It's important to use approved language and lower expectations.

So you're not impressed with the discussion of a "new multilateralism."

I don't find very much new about the multilateralism that they are talking about. The paper does suggest a common flexibility. But I don't find much analysis of the great issue of our time: what happens when the United Nations can't act, as was the case in Iraq?

Is this sort of policy review ever helpful?

Foreign policy reviews are an important and they shouldn't be conducted. History shows that usually all the major foreign policy departures that are made have nothing to do with any review. JONAS GEORGE

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CAN I HAVE MORE TIME?

On TV, the PM was like a student asking for an extension, says PAUL WELLS

PAUL MARTIN'S BIOGRAPHER, John Grogan, expects that the Prime Minister was an unspectacular student at the University of Toronto, more inclined to coast on native wit than to do the hard work that makes academics stars. So perhaps Martin felt a surge of self-worth nostalgia last Thursday as he relived every undergrad's most pertinent anxiety nightmare: sitting at a desk in an office, leaning wearily forward, pleading for an extension.

In any case, Martin's evening television address to the Canadian people was not so

in its content. On only a day's notice, he had taken to the airwaves to say more or less what most attentive Canadians have heard many times before. He found the reasons of the federal sponsorship program in Quebec appalling. He wished his had been more "vigilant" while the protesters were profiting. He will give back raised money if "so much as a dollar" found its way into Liberal party coffers.

Apart from the crisis sagging, the only real novelty came in Martin's analysis of the political climate and in the plan for an extension. The environment, he said, was poisoned: fallout from the scandal coverage was "consuming virtually all political discussion," so Parliament was "preoccupied with election talk and with political strategy—not with the job you sent us here to do." Then the desperate promise: Martin will begin an election campaign within 30 days after Justice John Gossery announces his final report into the sponsorship scandal, if only Canadians prevail upon the opposition parties to let his minority government live that long.

The immediate response from the opposition leaders wasn't encouraging. Stephen Harper, the Conservative, called the speech "a sad spectacle" and warned he is running out of patience with "gossiping" a government that is under criminal investigation and accusations of criminal conspiracy. Like Gilles Duceppe of the Bloc Québécois, Harper sounded happy to send Canadians to the polls this spring.

So this was a crisis, because Parliament is in session. Most MPs will be on their radios, where voters will tell them whether the election should await Gossery's report at the end of the year. This is the choice Canadian democracy now faces: vote immediately, in

school of uncertainty, or vote after Christmas in peace and routine.

Among the many striking aspects of Martin's desperation play was how eerily familiar it all was. This was hardly the first time Martin decided his troubles would ease if only he could speak directly to the Canadian people, free of the blunderbuss attention imposed. Every time he has fallen back, at the moment of crisis, on an almost obsessive concern for timing.

He left Jean Chrétien's cabinet in 1992 because, as his helpers explained to a credulous press corps, he couldn't stand the

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prospect of Chrétien editing his speeches. When Chrétien finally announced his eventful resignation, Martin had had weeks to prepare a three-hour speech to prepare a first sentence statement in sequestration.

In last year's election he promised not only to fix health care first, obviously, but to do it live on national television. "I believe that the health-care issue and the issue of reducing wait times is simply too important that those meetings be conducted behind closed doors," he said. (In the end, most of the meetings were conducted behind closed doors.)

In recent months, bewildered Ottawa reporters have grown used to arriving at the scene of a cabinet or Liberal caucus meeting only to find a portable kitchen set up near a convenient exit door. The lectern

is so the Prime Minister can look prime ministerial. The exit door is so he can flee before reporters ask any questions that might distract from his message or catch him in contradiction. The portable kitchen made one of its first appearances in February, outside the room in Parliament's Centre Block where cabinet meets. Martin announced Canada's non-participation in George W. Bush's ballistic missile defence scheme, took only a few questions, and then returned.

At every turn, Martin has shown a steady confidence that a direct look at him—yes, if it lasts only a few minutes, as his televised speech did—will bring Canadians around to his way of thinking. That way of thinking was buffeted by untoward events all week long.

The most spectacular turn came from Derek Corbett, a former director general of the federal Liberals' Quebec wing. Corbett is now in the most couple of weeks at the Gossery inquiry. But earlier testimony by former Conservation president Jean Brault so thoroughly implicated Corbett in kick-back allegations that he was given an opportunity to get his own story out. His tale is that he did indeed take tens of thousands of dollars from Brault to pay Liberal "volunteers" in the 2000 election campaign. In vague but spectacular fashion, Corbett also hinted that the direction for this diversion came from the highest levels of Jean Chrétien's government, and that the federalist rule "brought" the 1995 referendum by speeding up the nationalization of immigration: Canadian notes. Corbett's recollections will be tested under oath at the Gossery inquiry, where some witnesses' memories have been found to fog in crucial moments.

There was more too of Martin's most trusted advisors, Tim O'Leary and David Hertz, were hauled before a parliamentary committee. There they spent an afternoon rebutting allegations by their disreputable

former boss. Martin has fallen back on an almost obsessive concern for staging





advisory Liberal strategist Warren Studdert, that the Finance Department had rigged tenders to enrich Kitchin's family. Kitchin's consulting firm thrived 1990, when O'Leary was Martin's top aide.

Who there anyone else left to throw onto the bonfire of Martin's evolving odyssey? Sure, Jean Lapierre, Martin's hand-picked Quebec lieutenant, faced allegations from former public works minister Alfonso Gagliano that when Lapierre was out of politics he lobbied for a Montreal ad agency without being properly registered. Lapierre acknowledged setting up a steering for Gagliano and admitted he'd won the odd payment from the agency, but insisted it was not far from the margin.

Back in 2004, when Auditor General Sheila Fraser's report was new and so was Martin's tenure as Prime Minister, he showed considerable patience for unsubstantiated allegations of wrongdoing. He even cautioned a succession of Christian allies, including Gagliano and former VIA Rail chairman Jim Pollock, without waiting for further proof. But once the cloud of suspicion began to envelop associates a little closer to home, Martin's outrage in the process grew exponentially. "The inquiry is

opportunity at the Gurney inquiry, Bealey cheerfully rebutted some damning allegations

being held in front of a judge for good reason," he told the camera during his Hall-Mary speech. "There is conflicting testimony. Only the judge is in a position to determine the truth."

This judge, actually, had a much quieter

WE NOW have a choice: vote immediately in a cloud of uncertainty, or after Christmas in parkas and mittens

week than comes anyone in Ottawa had a chance to enjoy. In Montreal, Gurney's guest on the witness stand was Claude Boileau, the scabbe bear of a Montreal adman whose George Esmer and affiliated firms netted millions of dollars from federal sponsorship contracts beginning in the mid-1990s. And Bealey provided a naming demonstration of Martin's new assertion that the most damning allegations are soon refuted.

Nolan Bernard, a former Liberal organizer,

had testified a week earlier that he overheard Martin and Bealey discussing a multi-million-dollar contract over sandwiches at a Liberal convention. The claim caused a sensation. But when Bealey's non-name, he finally denied the conversation ever happened. "If I did discuss such a file with Mr. Martin, I certainly wouldn't do it while surrounded by 2,000 people"—or within earshot of Bernard, he said. And he emphatically insisted on standing later Martin went to Bealey's 30th birthday party. ("The years have washed over David with such grace and beauty that youth still resides here," the latter says of Bealey's wife.) Bealey simply chuckled. Martin probably sent the letter, he said, but he probably didn't write it. The French was too flowery.

This entire hole Martin finds himself in. He appeared Gurney as soon as Fraser's audit was released in 2004—out of an apparent belief that Canadians would be inspired by his willingness to answer his party's claims. ("It's thus the perfect opportunity to demonstrate that you're an agent of change?" Hele said soon after Fraser nailed her audit.) Now the confabulation is threatening to engulf Martin's government. The Gurney inquiry, one of Martin's first ideas as prime minister, has become his last hope.

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DURING THE SULLEN AUTUMN OF 1964 and the brooding winter and spring that followed, Ottawa was shaken by a series of allegations and revelations of corruption in high places that involved stunning parallels to the scandal currently rocking the Martin government. Then, as now, a media-savvy prime minister who headed a minority government found his party accused of crimes and misdeeds so serious that robbed him of the moral right to rule. Then, as now, the U-turn ethics of his Quebec wing appeared to condemn the Liberal party to the annals of history. Then, as now, a judicial inquiry was held to examine the dirty laundry, being during both occasions inside the once-sacrosanct

precincts of the Prime Minister's Office.

There are differences, however. The scandal of 40 years ago only tangentially concerned money, used in an attempt to help swing an alleged dope smuggler from a Montreal job. The issue was not the phony sponsorship of ill-advised federal programs, but an attempt to subvert justice, and a Liberal justice minister who failed to stop the process. The Rivard Affair, as it became known, began on Nov. 23, 1964, with devastating charges hurled across the Commons floor by the Bay MP from the Yukon, Erik Nielsen, and ended on June 28, 1965, with the close of the official inquiry into the affair by Quebec Superior Court chief justice Frédéric Duroien. The Judge Gauthier of his day, Duroien released a report that became a dominant note of the Nov. 4, 1965 election that followed.

During the seven months between Nielsen's revelations and Duroien's conclusions, the capital was ripe with conspiracy theories, as justice historians acknowledge, usually termed *rien criminel* charges. The Liberals involved were made to look like fools, knaves, or both. Most Canadians of conscience found their pride in country diminished by the realization that what had taken place was not some trivial patronage matter, but politicians at the summit engaged in trying to give aid and comfort to a heroin smuggler, that had cultivated deep roots in

the Quebec wing of the federal Liberals. The Duroien revelations established a pattern of successful bribery and corruption that reached into Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson's inner sessions, as well as the offices of his ministers of Justice and Immigration.

The central figure was Lucien Rivard, a study drug with prospered promise who had served a tough apprenticeship in the slums of Montreal, run a gambling casino in Joe Carro Cubo and become a nightclub in the Mafia dominated drug trade. On Oct. 10, 1963, when a minor Montreal hood named Joseph Caron was stopped by U.S. customs in Laramie, Tex., on the border with Mexico, a search turned up bags containing 15 kilos of pure heroin. Caron later confessed he was a courier for Rivard, who was engaged in huge scale, Mafia-directed smuggling of narcotics into the North American market.

Washington applied for extradition and Canadian police arrested Rivard in Montreal on June 18, 1964. The U.S. Justice Department hired Pierre Lamontagne, a bright young Montreal Liberal lawyer, to handle the case. Almost immediately, efforts were launched to arrange bail for Rivard, who knew so much about the Mafia's international operations that it was desperate to keep him away from American interrogators. Robert Gagnon, a Montreal contractor, and his partner Guy Messon, a Montreal Liberal organizer and lobbyist met with Raymond



Rivard (after his June 1964 arrest) had powerful friends, including in Pearson's office

Dreiss, executive assistant to Immigration Minister Rex Thrushby. Messon persuaded Dreiss, a lawyer, to try to bribe Lamontagne not to oppose Rivard's plea for bail, a bribe left unaided that that would have allowed him the chance to flee and escape certain imprisonment.

Then then offered his former law school classmate Lamontagne \$36,000 cash not to oppose the bail application. Lamontagne later testified before the Duroien inquiry that Dreiss told him that Rivard was a great supporter of the Liberals and that his help would be needed in the next election campaign. The Montreal lawyer dismissed the approach, but the threatening phone calls that followed made him realize that Dreiss' offers were serious. He had taken the money and would not know why he wasn't cooperating.

Lamontagne became fully aware of how widespread the conspiracy had become and how dangerous his position was when Guy Lord, a special assistant to Justice Minister Guy Phlips, asked him why he was being opposed. Lamontagne informed the RCMP and they began to investigate.

The least understandable aspect of the scandal was Rivard's unwillingness to take any action. When he was handed the full report of the RCMP's investigation of the Rivard affair on Sept. 18, the justice minister concluded there was insufficient evidence to support criminal charges, even though the RCMP files strongly implicated MP-Guy Rodolphe, the prime minister's parliamentary secretary. The RCMP report included the opinion that "if there was a leakages in this conspiracy at the top, it was probably Rodolphe." Yet for 66 days, from Sept. 18

WE'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE

As PETER C. NEWMAN writes, scandal shook another Liberal minority government 40 years ago



uned Nov. 23, when Nielsen rose in the Commons, Fureau told Pearson nothing about his parliamentary secretary's involvement. But during that interval, while on an airplane ride to Ottawa from a federal-provincial meeting in Charlottetown, Fureau slipped into a taxi next to the PM and told him about the contents of the Howard case and the RCMP investigation—but mentioned no names.

As far as Guy Fureau was concerned, the case was closed when he had decided that it did not warrant any prosecutions. His secrets may have lingered there had not Nielsen, the Tory justice critic, been given his own briefing by a frustrated RCMP officer who thought the whole incident was being swept under a political rug. Dedicated

to the eradication of Liberal supremacy in Canada, Nielsen would insist every parliamentary debate determined to know him. Although Liberals referred to him mockingly as “the Gary Hartschman,” he was cool in manner when he laid out the Rivard Affair to Parliament and the nation. His most shocked listener must have been Pearson, who was hearing the gory details for the first time.

The PM and he were unaware of the case and escaped the political heat. And much like Paul Martin Jr. does today, Pearson packed his bags and went travelling. He spent the following week on a political junket through western Canada. When he stopped overnight

in Brandon, Man., Paul Martin Sr., the sitting prime minister, phased to tell him that under questioning at the House, Fureau had mentioned his brief airplane conversation, thus apparently contradicting the PM's statement that he had known nothing about the Rivard Affair. Instead of flying back to lead his disillusioning government, Pearson continued his tour. But when he finally returned, the PM fired Boulton and appointed Dorson to lead a judicial inquiry into the whole affair.

POLITICIANS were trying to give aid and comfort to a Mafia heroin smuggler whose network had cultivated deep roots in the Quebec wing of the Liberal party

Dorson turned out to be a seer, originally promising, well aware that his initial mandate placed him in the position of being to be both judge and jury in ruling on the careers of the dozen men involved. His inquiry's most poignant moment occurred on March 24 when Fureau, a political neophyte who specialized in good intentions, entered the witness box. He displayed the immediate seriousness of a forest animal lulled by contradictory warning signs, strained to a point where animal reflexes were no longer his to command. He dithered and stumbled, blew through his manuscript as he searched to find an excuse for his inexcusable failure to take the RCMP report



Nelson Taberly was dedicated to the eradication of Liberal supremacy in Canada. Fureau and Pearson (left) were the targets

seriously. In the end, it was clear he could provide no good reason for his conduct, except as an effort to save his government from the embarrassment of a major scandal. Halfway through the falling dominoes of charges and denials, the hearings turned into high comedy. On the day Dorson wound up the Ottawa tensions before moving the inquiry to Montreal, the judge intended a party for reporters who had been covering his investigation. The festivities ended abruptly when Dave McKintosh of the *Concord* Press burst in to report that Rivard had just escaped from Bordeaux jail. Rivard had somehow received permission to water the jail's outdoor during risk, even though the temperature was several degrees above freezing, and the risk had already

arised and was overflowing its edges. Rivard used the hose to slide down the prison walls, carrying a ride with a passing motorist and vanished. For a while, he and his fishy wife, Marie, became folk heroes. The Bourne and Clyde, even inspiring a pop tune. The search goes on: where / through valleys, left and right / they seek him here / they seek him there / Than Galtie pangress / For years in come in Crookville / they'll set the epic tale / how Rivard left his footprints / on the walls of Bordeaux jail.

One of the many inexplicable aspects of the case was that, although Rivard might have fled anywhere in the world, nobody took the trouble to notify Interpol, the

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international police organization, until four days after his escape. It later turned out that Rivard had been hiding north of Montreal, in the Laurentians, where he was incarcerated four months later just as he was about to jump into a lake for a swim. This time he was extradited to the U.S., where he was sentenced to a 20-year pill term for "interfering with a giant narcotics ring." Rivard, 86, died in Montreal in 2002.

In the months after Nelson's charges, the Pearson government's composure disintegrated under the pressure of opposition attacks. But it was not in danger of falling, despite its minority position, because many of the Conservatives couldn't face the prospect of bringing their discredited leader, John Diefenbaker, back into office.

Since the idea of being involved in shady manipulations with Mafia gangsters was so foreign to most Liberals, they pretended both to themselves and to the public that the scandal amounted to little more than lifting the lid on the kind of pork-barrel politics practiced in Ottawa under every regime since Confederation. (A similar attitude was most starkly reflected in Paul Martin's first-ever critique to his cousin of Jean Chrétien's famous appearance at the Gomery inquiry, when he reduced the morality of the issue to the fact that celebrities often hand out autographed golf balls.)

Judge Donion did not see these Liberals' easy dismissal of the affair. His report was a harsh indictment of its central figures. The judge found no difficulty in believing that a bribe had been offered to release

Donion (right) found that a bribe had been offered to free Rivard (above, center).

Rivard "to obstruct the course of justice." Guy Ravilison's conduct was termed "a reprehensible act." Guy Lord had "acted egregiously" and Raymond Denis was charged with attempting to obstruct justice. Denis was convicted and sentenced to two years in prison.

The harshest condemnation was reserved for Fournier, who was accused of having "seriously flawed" judgment, leaving no doubt that a man with faulty judgment was unfit to remain the country's justice minister. He

was a warm right, just like this," he would begin, his fingers already shudding, "when Rivard asked the warden for a hose to water the rink."

Here a rink, there a rink, everywhere a rink, rink! Then, just as his audience would give in to his deflection, his glottal features would darken, and he would hammer home his point: "The time has come to restore in this nation new principles of honesty... the sacredness of the human personality must be preserved," implying that the Gens were against it. Finally, Diefenbaker let loose his legendary affinity for political understatement and linked Rivard directly to Pearson: "Where?" he demanded as an election rally in Port Williams, Ont. "Where was the prime minister when they threw the bodies into the line pits?"

Despite such hyperbole, the voters maintained the Liberal minority in office, being aroused by Diefenbaker's last fling, but not trusting him enough to restore him as prime minister. Pearson remained in office for another three years before going away to the *Stoney Point* Trudeau, who kept the Liberals in power for most of the next 16 years. Trudeau's popularity was fed by his credible claim that he had no involvement in his predecessor's scandal-plagued record.

Four decades later, the political earth is moving again, and for the same reason. The time seems ripe for another outsider to salvage what's left of Canada's "Government Party." That charismatic Harvard professor from a historic family, Michael Ignatieff, would be an ideal candidate. History may be about to repeat itself.

RIVARD escaped from prison after being allowed to water a skating rink when the temperature was above freezing and the rink had already melted and was overflowing.

recognized and died two years later. "It would be hard to imagine," summed up journalist Richard Gwyn, who wrote a book about the scandal, "anything more remote from Lester Pearson or from the group of experienced professionals who constituted his cabinet, than the welter of squalid scandals that erupted during the winter of 1965. Yet they happened. Aggravated with the familiarity to devise policies as imaginative as 'co-operative federalism' was also blind enough to foster the same political scandals Ottawa had known in more than 120 years."

Diefenbaker decided to fight the election that followed on the integrity issue, and the Rivard saga provided a natural target. "It

SEVEN NOT QUITE DEADLY SINS

The names change through history but, as JONATHAN GATEHOUSE reports, the themes remain the same

IMBERS, CRITICS, adulterers, petty crooks and mortal sinners. The sins of Canadian politicians could leave a few ticks from some of the just members of the country's legislatures. Though rare occasions, the courts have been known to provide pen-to-paper educational opportunities—banned bars.

The list of Canadian political scandals is so long—and varied—that it is too much to do the honors in one category, merely on any failure of our systems. Elected officials misbehave. They get caught. The public is outraged. The age-old adage followed all is forgiven, if not forgiven.

At one time or another, all of the seven deadly sins have found parliamentary champions. In April 1907, Henry Robert Bantier was indicted as federal minister of railways and canals after being found in a Montreal hotel with "a person of ill-repute." The infamous King-Byng constitutional showdown was triggered by the refusal of the minister of colonies and the crown, Bantier, to sign a royal warrant for the release of the minister—now your own conscience. Former Saskatchewan cabinet minister Coe Chandler is still serving a life sentence for the war-crime-related murder of his ex-wife, Julie Wilson. Claude Charbon, former house leader for the Parti Québécois, spent a month behind bars for the Ontario case in Montreal.

No one expects—or level of government—has absolutely no excuse, although voters in B.C. might reasonably ask if their politicians would benefit from some sort of after-school program. As a public service, Gatehouse presents a compendium of few points in our political history. Dig and save. Attach additional sheets in appropriate.

SEX

In 1974, the late, and Canadian politician, had been caught having a fling with a young woman, a government vehicle. Bob McCallum, 34, was indicted in 1974, months after his appointment as a cabinet minister, charged with sexual assault. McCallum, who had been a member of the Liberal Party, was charged with sexual assault. McCallum, who had been a member of the Liberal Party, was charged with sexual assault. McCallum, who had been a member of the Liberal Party, was charged with sexual assault.



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BETRAYAL



In 1992, a man revealed that Claude Morin, a member in Quebec's sovereignty movement, was at the time in a rooming house. In March 1997, Margaret Trudeau, ex-wife of Pierre, went AWOL, spending her days working at elementary parties with the *Rolling Stones* in Toronto. She then flew to New York and talked to People magazine about her fondness for getting belts, and why she visits visitors loved her nipples. The Trudeau scandal was not over. Margaret Trudeau, ex-wife of Pierre, went AWOL, spending her days working at elementary parties with the *Rolling Stones* in Toronto.

B.C. Liberal leader Gordon Wilson's political fortunes plummeted after it was revealed in 1993 that he was having an affair with Judy Tyndal, wife of his M.L.A. In 1998, several health ministers in the province were charged with sexual assault.

LOVE



BOOZE

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WHATEVER

Some extent of judgment is not collected they duty categorization. In 1976, Liberal transport minister Olo Long got caught trying to fly his 1976 Cadillac limousine back home for free on an internal power plane. (The more scandalous aspect might have been that he was paying his \$100 a week to look after his own children.) Long himself racked up \$740,000 worth of "business" trips on government planes in three years, including an \$8,000 plane to a Qinghai province in China. A year later, his cabinet colleague, collector general Francis Fox, stepped down after it was revealed that he had ordered an abortion for a woman with whom he was having an affair.

MONEY



It's the role of most political scandals—that is, the role of elected officials with their hands in the pockets of a Canadian citizen. Thomas Mulcair, the former Quebec premier, went to jail in 1981 after revelations of kickbacks, bribes and fraud. A scandal over hidden commissions in government bonds drew most pressure Peter Dinkley to the big house in 1974. Agony weeks in 1974, John's picked the House of Assembly and almost devastated prime minister Sir Richard Sullivan in 1992 after charges of illegal gifts. In 1995, B.C. premier Bill Vander Zanden (above) resigned after the provincial conflict-of-interest commission found he had caused ethical lines during the sale of his family's 21-acre industrial park, Fantasy Gardens, to a Taiwanese firm, Bioron.

THEFT

Maybe it's that whole about the time issue the book thing, but it seems like it's only in the politicians who got charged for shoplifting. NDP stalwart David McKeown (right) did not run for re-election in 2004 after his local public confession that he had pocketed a \$20,000 diamond ring in a public auction. He was sentenced to 180 hours of community service. In 1975, his then caucus colleague Ian Hogg was charged with stealing \$75,000 worth of contact lens cleaning tablets from a Ottawa drug store. He was acquitted at trial.



SCANDAL MAP OF CANADA

POLITICAL MISCONDUCT HAS BEEN A FACT OF LIFE across the country.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Former Premier Gordon Campbell was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared. Campbell was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared.



ALBERTA

Former Premier Ralph Klein had a long history of ethical problems, but had no federal "no payment" while he publicly promoted a company in which his wife, Colleen, held shares.



SASKATCHEWAN

Former Premier Roy Romanow was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared. Romanow was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared.



MANITOBA

Former Premier Gary Filmon used party funds during the 1995 election to fund his independent native candidates to split votes in NDP ridings with large native populations.



OTTAWA

From the special day in 1995 when Sir John A.'s day through Brian Mulroney's Turnage to the much being raised by the Gomery inquiry, too many scandals to list.



ONTARIO

Former Premier Bob Rae was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared. Rae was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared.



QUEBEC

Former Premier Jacques Parizeau was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared. Parizeau was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared.



NEW BRUNSWICK

Former Premier Frank McKenna was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared. McKenna was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared.



NOVA SCOTIA

Former Premier John Buchanan was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared. Buchanan was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared.



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Former Premier John Buchanan was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared. Buchanan was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared.



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Former Premier Brian Topp was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared. Topp was charged with sexual assault in 1994, but later cleared.



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'THE MOST BRILLIANT'

The cardinal's choice was bold—and sound

Onlookers were at first uncertain whether the smoke was black or white. And when it became clear that what was emanating from that famous Sistine Chapel chimney was indeed the latter, those gathered outside Peter's Square cheered. A new pope had been chosen by the cardinals' conclave after just four votes: Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger of Germany, 78, formerly archbishop of Munich and later the right-hand man of John Paul II. Now he has become Pope Benedict XVI—though not without controversy. He is known as a conservative, a fact that dismayed moderate Catholics hoping for movement on such issues as contraception, gay rights and a larger role for women. That reputation, along with his past—Ratzinger was briefly a mandatory member of the Hitler Youth, and was later drafted into a German anti-aircraft war before deserting—has produced some less than complimentary nicknames: God's Rainwater, Cardinal No, and the Young Cardinal, among others.

There were some who saw signs of moderation in Ratzinger's choice of name (his previous Benedict, who served from 1914 to 1932, was opposed to the ordination that had previously characterized the Church). Others welcomed the prospect of a stand-for-Pope! Father Raymond J. de Sousa of Kingston, Ont., chaplain of Newman House at Queen's University and a newspaper columnist, was in Rome for the election. His report:

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

The prize is over—the week between the papal funeral and the opening of the conclave has come to an end. The cardinals have been busy: attending congregations, followed by extended Roman lunches and dinners as they get acquainted and use up potential candidates. For others that been a time of waiting, and one that brings to mind some of my favorite films about

Rome, written by Evelyn Waugh, the English novelist and Catholic convert.

In his historical novel, *Brides*, he creates a marvelous conversation between Constantine, the Roman emperor, and his mother, whom we know as St. Helena. Constantine is fasting about Rome, and already planning to move out to establish his prophetic capital on the Bosporus. "Leave Rome," he says. "I think it's a perfectly beastly place. It has never agreed with me. Even after my battle at the Milvian Bridge when everything was flags and flowers and halberds and I was the Saviour—even then I didn't feel quite at ease. Give me the East where a man can feel unique. Here you are just one figure in an endless historical pageant. The City is waiting for you to move on."

The Eternal City has time to wait. It waits, and everybody moves on—even emperors and popes. Already the "Great German Hole" and "Ravine Cries for her Pope" posters are coming down. The monarchy of John Paul II's funeral today may have been doubted by the City and added to its almost three million inhabitants. The City waits now for her new bishop.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

Today the cardinals report. The Italian newspapers have been reporting all week that Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger is the leading candidate. As dean of the College of Cardinals, he presides the heavily, which has been highly anticipated. He delivers a tour d'horizon of the challenges facing the Church, and condenses the "ultraconservative" (the "ultraconservative" Christian heberes as dangerous fundamentalism).

I am asked on television whether it was a stamp speech. I say it was simply Ratzinger in full—a reminder of who he is and what he stands for. A friend from home wants to say that there are two kinds of stamp speeches:



Secular media efforts have responded to Benedict XVI with an eruption of stereotypes

one that seeks to persuade swing voters, and another that seeks to fire up the base. This was the latter. There is some truth in that. But the "base" here is better understood as the "fundamentalist." For almost 24 years, Ratzinger had been charged with defending the faith against error and confusion. The fundamentalist is under attack from all sides, he says, and it is the task of the Church's pastor to ensure that it remains solid.

In the afternoon, the cardinals enter the Sistine Chapel in a magnificent ceremony, reviewed for the first time. Watching it, I put a blind, Father Benedict's solemnity, respect to the full William Cardinal Bauer, naming him to his place. (Later, I will have

to say how proud I was to see him in the procession, even though all he was doing was walking. "First," he laughs. "But it was walking in some pretty cool places.")

The cardinals vote for the first time that evening—casting their ballots as Michelangelo's *The Last Judgment* looms overhead. As they vote, each wears an early "I call Christ the Lord as my witness, who will also be my judge, that my vote is given to you, in the eyes of God. I judge should be elected." One cardinal had been widely quoted as saying he was concerned about how he might justify the eventual choice to his people. The conclave doubtless reminded him that if the world could explain it to Christ from the Judge, he would have no problem at home.

That evening I was at Fox News, sitting with Chris Wallace as we waited for the first

smoke from the Sistine Chapel. It finally came—black—but I left with a new appreciation for the challenges faced by TV seers. Wallace did an hour of TV walking for the

'POPE comes and goes; the Church remains. But there's high drama in the comings and goings. To be part of it is a blessing.'

newspapers to which smoke, and the ability to talk the anchor about a pope is impressive.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

I expect the conclave's second day to be reminiscent. I am not sure whether Cardi-

nal Ratzinger will, in fact, be elected. But if it is Ratzinger, it will be today.

The smoke at noon is black. The second smoke, after the fourth and fifth ballots, is reported as around 7 p.m. Two hours before, I go to one of my favorite churches in Rome, the Chiesa Nuova (New Church), which it was 400 years ago) to offer Mass at the altar over the tomb of St. Philip-Neri, a 16th-century giant of the Counter-Reformation in Rome and a co-founder of the Society of Jesus. I ask St. Philip's intercession that a worthy bishop be chosen for his city and that, whoever he might be, he will profit from St. Philip's critical counsel.

Arriving at the altar at 6 p.m., I am told that the smoke has just come, but observers are not sure if it is white or black. I know it must be white: the early smoke means that

a fifth ballot was not necessary. Soon the bells of St. Peter's ring, and the scores fill with people running to St. Peter's Square. I wish to be with them, but I have to remain with the other commissioners on standby, watching the events unfold on TV.

The choice has to be Ratzinger, I know, because he is the only one who could have been elected so quickly. But I am surprised—I doubted whether the cardinals would be bold enough to choose the one most despised by the media elites. We wait for almost an hour before the announcement. It is the German cardinal, and he has taken the name Benedict XVI, evoking the heavenly patronage of the great saint who sought a refuge from the decadence and dissolution that followed the fall of the Roman Empire, founding along the way the monasteries that would save European civilization.

I have read the new Pope's books. I have heard his homilies, and I have been in his quiet and humble presence on a few occasions. Whenever else the cardinal may have had in mind, they have chosen the most brilliant one of their number for the Throne of Peter. And, no less important, one of the holiest. It is a moment of gratitude and wonder. I realize, working out the timeline, that I was lucky as the altar offering Mass on that very hour of the election. Grace abounds.

The night wears on, with much distraction. I join across John Paul's biographer, George Weigel, a good friend. He has more television to do, and I sit down to write. But this moment is meant to be shared, so we head to his temporary apartment for a quick bite. First we make vesper, the evening prayer of the Church. The liturgy for Tuesday of the fourth week of Easter happens to include a prayer for the pope, by name. George inserts the name Benedict. (Mehmet Papava indeed! We have a pope.)

On the way back to my hotel, people call out good wishes and congratulations. A few, having heard that this is a "controversial" choice, ask if we "concur." "Moloconcordia," I reply. Living by my favorite maxim for a few minutes. It's a simple family-run place at the end of a nondescript view block from the Vatican. I congratulate Armandine, the proprietress, on the fact that one of his clients has been elevated to the papacy. I ask whether anyone ever took a photo of Cardinal Ratzinger in the restaurant. No, his daughter implies—he was too shy.

The papacy is a crushing human burden.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE CHURCH
Macleans' *Wages of Sin* recently asked Canadians about their attitudes toward the Catholic Church and some of the issues at focus (of the more than 1,200 people interviewed, 28 per cent identified themselves as Catholics). The results:

1. Thinking about some of the prominent world leaders' closing post-9/11 letters, how do you think Pope John Paul II rates?

	ALL	CATHOLICS
One of the greatest	37%	36%
Great	26	30
Good	21	20
Average	10	7
Below average	3	1
Don't know/refused to answer	9	4

2. Has Rome played a satisfactory or unsatisfactory role in the discipline of priests who have committed sexual misconduct?

Satisfactory	16%	25%
Unsatisfactory	56	51
Don't know/refused	28	20

3. Should the new Pope take a moderate approach to religious issues or maintain a conservative stance on such things as abortion, same-sex marriage and birth control?

More moderate	53%	56%
Stay conservative	34	36
Don't know/refused	14	7

4. Should the Catholic Church ordain women?

Yes	40%	64%
No	23	28
Don't know/refused	33	7

SOURCE: POLLBANK, SURVEYED LEP MARCH 9-11, 2005

Benedict XVI will be photographed hundreds of times every day for the rest of his life. And he will never again enjoy a simple place of peace at Armonda's.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

The day is, from a media point of view, unconfused. Balanced reporting, let alone good journalism, have been abandoned in an era of verbal. The five Reuters story

quotes only those upset with the election, characterizing the choice as a "catastrophe" and "very sad." According to one quote, Benedict is a man who has "vexatious hatred for gay people." It is so bad that the author—a friendly colleague from the Vatican press corps—later promptly apologizes.

The elite media is, as the British would say, gobsmacked (their media have been the worst by far, flailing around Nazi associations). They are astounded that the cardinals would elect a man most famous for defending Catholic doctrine. Norman Dawd, who writes columns for the New York Times as somewhat of a guardian of secular liberal orthodoxy, declares with disgust that the "cafeteria" is officially closed. "The reference is to so-called 'cafeteria Catholics' like himself, who pick and choose which doctrines they will believe and which they reject. It seems beyond the capability of the media horde to understand that the cardinals of the Church think the cafeteria should never have been opened in the first place."

I attend the press conference given by the three Canadian cardinals in the concourse, who point out that a pope is the servant, not the master, of Catholic truth. But the premise of almost all the questions is that innocence on truth will surely alienate many. I mention to one reporter that, given the situation of many mainline Protestant denominations in Canada, it seems that doctrinal innovation, and not an insistence on orthodoxy, lend to divisions. I was unconvincing.

Later, I go to St. Peter's Basilica to rehearse Mass, and end up at the altar under which St. Peter is buried. It is between the funeral monuments of Pope Benedict XV, the last pope to take that name, and Blessed John XXIII. I offer Mass, on his first full day as Pope, a Mass for Benedict XVI.

The continuity of the papacy is tangible, though that corner of St. Peter's only reaches the most recent five per cent of the Church's life. Popes come and go, and the Church remains. But in the coinings and goings, in the saints and sinners who have passed through the City, there is high drama, and to be part of it is a blessing. On the second one can touch the history that was such a hard dose to Constantine. And one can be coached here by grace, the divine gift that renders the weight of history, of the media, of the papacy, into a burden that is light. Perhaps that is why, despite everything, Benedict XVI was smiling on the balcony yesterday. ☐



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Britain | BY MICHAEL PETROW



IT'S ALL ABOUT IRAQ

In London's most explosive riding, the candidates battle over a faraway war

ON A SUNNY SPRING AFTERNOON, Oona King, the young and beautiful incumbent Labour MP, went for a glitzy-handing stroll through her working-class East London constituency. There were just two weeks remaining in the British general election, but instead of kissing babies and chasing up locals, she strutted glumly behind a phalanx of some 40 police officers. She had little choice: King was packed with eggs and vegetables while attending a recent memorial service for London Jews who died in a German V2 rocket attack.

Her car has been vandalized. She is loudly heckled every time she appears in public.

But her main opponent, George Galloway, an ardent and vengeful sort dubbed "Gorgeous George" because of his silver hair, piercing blue eyes and immaculate clothing, has sometimes fared no better. Police advised the former Labour Party MP from Glasgow not to sleep at home after two dozen young Islamic extremists forced their way into a meeting he recently attended.

They denounced him as a "false prophet" for trying to attract the Muslim vote in the riding, and threatened to hang him. They said voting was un-Islamic, and declared that any Muslims who voted for Galloway faced a "sentence of death." Police escorted the candidate to safety.

Welcome to the most explosive riding in this election. The tensions here have little to do with domestic politics, and almost

everything to do with Iraq. King, a black Jew and staunch leader of Prime Minister Tony Blair, supported the war to overthrow Saddam Hussein. Galloway didn't just oppose it—he went so far as to erect Saddam before it began. He helped organize demonstrations, and he branded George W. Bush and Blair "duskers" that got him kicked out of the party, and set him on a collision course with his former comrades.

Galloway moved to London and founded his own party, Respect. "It grew out of the anti-war movement," he says. "We worked and we marched, but we didn't stop the war—because we didn't have any political power." He chose to run in the previously safe Labour riding of Bethnal

For protection,
King recruits a
police escort as
she campaigns

Green and Bow, where, last time, King received more than twice as many votes as her nearest opponent. But that was before the war, and before Galloway. Now some Labourites admit they fear losing the riding.

Almost half of the constituency's Muslim-voting Labour could traditionally rely on for support. But the majority of Britain's 1.6 million Muslims opposed the Iraq war. And, in Galloway, many—nowwithstanding the extreme fringe who want to hang him—have found something of a hero. "There is a great deal of anger in this constituency, and a feeling of betrayal," Galloway says. "People's hearts were broken over the decision to invade Afghanistan and Iraq."

At the Casablanca Café, Jeyral Abbas, a restaurant owner, chews over tea. He says he has always voted Conservative, but is now supporting Galloway. "I was against the war, and he is against the war, and that's it," Abbas says. Mohiuddin Khan, a Bangladeshi, joins us. He says he, too, is voting for Galloway, because Galloway "supports Palestinian liberation and he hates American aggression. He is working for Muslims human rights."

But on the street, Anwar Chowdhury, a Labour supporter, says King has worked hard on behalf of the riding for eight years. "Galloway just dropped in—he can't change anybody's lives here," Chowdhury says. "He is getting support from extreme Muslims. My member of Parliament should represent me in the House of Commons. Galloway is a gimmick." Chowdhury argues me to come to a community meeting that night, where King and Galloway will face off on stage.

THE EAST END of London has always been hotly contested political ground. It's been home to successive waves of immigrants, most recently Bangladeshi Muslims. Communitarians have historically found support in these rougher hoodies. But the far right has also had successes. In Bethnal Green, the British National Party polled 7.5 per cent of the vote in the 1997 elections (a figure that dropped by more than half in 2001). In a pub across the road from where King and Galloway are scheduled to engage, a man of about 30, with beer on his breath, thumps his chest into mine and loudly exclaims: "Galloway is a bad man, isn't he! He put down those 6–8mg foreigners, doesn't he!" He soon decides that "6–8mg foreigners" is a category that includes a reporter from



Galloway hailed Godwin's courage and strength, and called Blair and Bush 'donkeys'

Canada, before he is calmed down by his more welcoming friends.

Across the street at the People's Palace lecture theatre of Queen Mary, University of London, crowds of mostly Muslim wait for Galloway and King. Police scan the steadily increasing throng, at least two vans, each carrying 10 riot police, are hidden around a nearby wall. The candidates arrive to cheers and roared boos. Galloway hugs his way through his many supporters and takes the stage with King and the two other candidates.

WHEN the speeches end, King ducks out a side exit. Galloway walks out the front door and is mobbed by supporters.

from the Tory and Liberal Democrats parties. The speeches break for prayers in dank, and then resume.

Galloway is in his element. His black tie and silver tie, set off by a bright red "Respect" ribbon, make him look like a well-dressed carnival barker. His voice booms, he glowers at his audience from beneath bushy eyebrows, rapping against the "high temples of British capitalism." But it's when he talks about the war in Iraq that he works himself into righteous indignation. "If you make

war against Muslims abroad," he bellows to cheers, "you're going to end up making war against Muslims at home!" King is articulate and earnest. She speaks about reducing poverty and calming tensions among her constituents. But she simply can't compete with Galloway's overwhelming presence. When the speeches are finished, King answers a few questions and then ducks out a side exit. Galloway walks out the front door and is mobbed by supporters and journalists.

I want to ask him questions he never addresses in his many appearances. Does he regret killing Saddam, upon answering the Iraqi dictator in 1994? "Sir, I salute your courage, your strength, your indefatigability." Why did he call the disappearance of the Soviet Union, the most murderous regime in history, "the biggest catastrophe of my life"? But earlier in the day, I had managed to ask Galloway other questions that annoyed him. Now, when he sees me, his chest thumps. "I don't want to talk to this guy," he growls to a handler. When another journalist confronts him, Galloway tells everyone the reporter is on drugs.

King's advocacy of Galloway's apparent support is superficial hype, inflated by his more active and vocal cheerleaders. And indeed, more on-line political gambling sites and punditry still win. But Galloway has been underappreciated for years, ever since he managed to meet the famed British statesman Roy Jenkins in 1987 to enter the House of Commons at the age of 32. It would be a stretch to understate his influence again. ☐

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HOW YOUR BRAIN MAKES YOU FAT

AND HOW MAYBE, WITH SCIENCE'S HELP, IT MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE YOU THIN

BARBARA WICKENS REPORTS



THE STUDENTS in the combined grades 4, 5 and 6 cooking class at St. Odile may not know it, but they're part of a grand experiment. They're participating in a pilot project, *Let's Eat, That's Right*, that sends children to eight Montreal elementary schools. Their job: to teach kids how to cook foods that are low in salt, fat and sugar, but the highly processed snacks they're used to eating. Just as important is making sure that, as these youngsters shake yammy cookies and cut fruit and veggies into weird shapes, they enjoy their break from the regular classroom routine. As program director Maeson Paquette puts it, "We're hoping to make healthy eating fun." The kids are, in effect, learning nutrition through socials. And there's new evidence that they may even be giving their brains in the process.

Thanks to advances in neural imaging techniques, we can see the brain at work in a way that was not possible even a decade ago. And in light of mounting concerns about the increasing prevalence of obesity, this good news. According to data released last week by the World Health Organization, 4.1 per cent of Canada's teenagers are obese (19.3 were found to be merely overweight). This translates Canada as the fourth most obese nation in the world, behind Malta, the United States and Brazil. The WHO, in turn, describes obesity as a global epidemic.



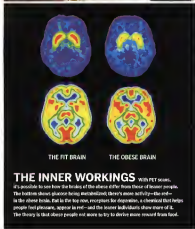
Nutritionist Marie-Claude Rivest, at St. Odile school, tries to make good food fun.

And the traditional approach to weight loss—helping individuals can muster enough willpower to stick to a low-calorie diet and get a little exercise—definitely isn't working. But by scanning the brains of the obese and the lean, science is coming to a new understanding about how the brain, body and food interact.

There is still much to be learned, but one thing already seems clear: humans are hard-wired to prefer, maybe even crave, the very foods that today cause us so many problems. No surprise, they're sweet, salty and/or high in fat and calories (the body's way of storing energy for future use). But new data is revealing that the brain is also more malleable than previously thought, even in adults. Lay down the right neural pathways and you can hook people—especially those under 21, whose brains are still growing and maturing—on a handful of cravable carrots rather than a bag of naches.

In North America, where 23,000-odd diet books have been published in the past three decades, the new research has far-reaching implications for parents, legislators and school administrators, not to mention the purveyors of fast food. Doctors, psychologists, nutritionists and others interested in weight control are just starting to use brain scans to answer such questions as: Which regions are activated when you savor someone's food? Is the result different in obese and thin people? Where do cravings arise? Which part controls impulses? The knowledge gleaned from such testing, scientists hope, will be used to make and keep people healthy. If your brain can make you fat, maybe—if you can push the right buttons—it can also make you thin.

Earlier research had already mapped the vital organ's basic structures and developed crude maps of what went on where. But as technology improved, increasingly detailed pictures of the brain emerged. Positron emission tomography sees increases in blood flow associated with increased activity to





give a sense of which brain cells are at work. But it takes reflective markers to do this, and a PET scan can take up to an hour. Then in the mid-1990s, the introduction of functional magnetic resonance imaging even allowed researchers to peer into the brain while it was performing some sort of mental task. An fMRI detects the minute changes in magnetism that indicate increased blood flow to active parts of the brain. Those spots, which appear as brighter colors on the image, are giving scientists a much clearer picture of what the human mind goes through when it calculates a mathematical formula, recognizes familiar words—or consumes a bar of chocolate.

The brain has yet to give up all its secrets. It has, after all, some 100 billion neuron cells controlling through its different regions. Still, studies are indicating that brain chemistry strongly affects body weight. The nervous communication with one another via a number of chemical messengers called neurotransmitters. One of these is dopamine, which is key to the brain's internal reward system. Thanks to dopamine's cheerful role in allowing us to feel pleasure, some researchers hope it can be enlisted in the fight against fat.

Despite the thousands of diet books published, the rates of obesity have soared.

Dopamine is also known to be a culprit in cocaine and nicotine addiction, but in obesity researcher Marja Levin Polichar points out, "the brain circuitry did not evolve for the purpose of recreational drug use." It seems designed to ensure that basic functions like eating, drinking and reproducing are met.

SCARF A hamburger and somewhere in its primordial parts your mindstorm meets!

It may be as reported if it is plausible. So does the meat food can be additive? It may be for some overweight individuals, says Polichar, a scientist at the Mass General Research Center in Philadelphia. A series of studies has shown that some people who overeat may have low dopamine in their system, or fewer receptors for it. The theory is that they might be eating more in an effort to boost the pleasure they derive from food.

Polichar recommends the development of new behavioral methods or drugs that can help these people enjoy a more normal reward from eating. "What's the alternative, the idea 'never going to eat low glycemic'?"

As brain chemicals go, dopamine is a pretty important player: it reaches into the brain's emotional centers, such as the hypothalamus, which is involved in memory, reward and learning, and reward centers such as the prefrontal cortex, where problem solving, planning and decision making occur. Willpower, a front-line function, is what helps a person resist irresistible temptations—treats that are now more in favor of a long-term goal, as in, "I want my money in the bank to grow. But when it comes to food, the short-term snack always outweighs the long-term, according to Antoine Bechara, a former Tennessee who is now associate neurology professor at the University of Iowa. And this may have something to do with our deep-seated ancestral instincts. Think of it this way: the next time you grab a burger and fries at the nearest drive-through. Your conscious mind might register, I should be working out or losing weight. But somewhere in its primordial parts your brain is cheering, 'Yippe! Masodon'.

meat? That's Scarf's down again before a solid cooked burger comes by.

For millions, our ancestors literally didn't know where their next meal was coming from. With food being scarce, and often requiring great effort to track down, the biggest hunt for the hunter-gatherer's luck was a meal as high in calories as possible. That meat foods is full of fat and sugar. Foods that are high in fat and sugar, were also rich in nutrients. Today, in the developed world at least, we have a cheap and plentiful food supply that's no farther than the nearest convenience store—but not necessarily nutritious. While some fatty foods, such as olive oil, nuts, avocados and fish, can be part of a healthy diet, there's very little meat in them. For instance, in a candy bar. To make matters worse, we have too few reasons to exercise. In evolutionary terms, there are such new developments that our brains haven't had time to adapt.

Until recently, little effort was spent on trying to understand why people become fat. What's the answer simple? They ate more calories than they burned off. Anybody who failed obviously wasn't trying hard enough. The equation hasn't changed, but that single-minded focus on willpower clearly has not worked. And considering that obesity puts people at greater risk for other serious ailments such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke, as well as some types of cancer, the potential costs to the health-care system—not to mention the toll on human suffering—are staggering. The time is overdue to take a more sophisticated approach.

That's exactly what happened in early April, when the faculties of medicine and business management at Minnesota's McGill University brought together an unusual cross-section of scientists and health and marketing experts from North America and Europe to brainstorm. The challenge, according to conference chairwoman Laraine Deane, a McGill marketing professor, was to determine whether it is possible to fight obesity by society by better understanding when, why and how people make certain food choices. "We have looked too much to the national diet," Deane. "No one gives a damn to an alcohol and says the guy should relax."

Well, as one participant noted, understanding how the brain and body respond to food is a healthy person as a healthy

HEALTH CAN BE A HARD SELL—JUST DON'T USE THE WORD DIET

Claire Beausoleil had a problem: the veterans of the Montreal restaurant scene weren't her newest venture, Les Chèvres (The Goats), two years ago in the wealthy Doherty neighborhood. It has everything the sophisticated diner might expect: an attractive setting, attentive service, a discerning wine list and delicious dining from experiment, cutting-edge cuisine. Beausoleil and partner, chef Stéphane Robitaille, developed vegetable-based dishes with sauces made from stock reductions or milk rather than artery-clogging cream, organic produce and a judicious use of meats and seafood. The only thing missing: excess calories.

Pregnant, Beausoleil had found a way around and found work on the street was that Les Chèvres was a vegetarian restaurant. Not the sort of place where diners would expect to find a dish like bearded but short ribs, braised with butter and squash, white mushrooms and walnut oil. "It was," he says, "hard to get the concept across" that Les Chèvres was a full-plate restaurant. Even giving a full plate didn't help. Not knowing that hotel conversations are often after dinner, he invited a group of them in for a free meal.

The trick worked and Les Chèvres is now a growing concern. But Beausoleil had bumped up against the sort of consumer behavior that's the base of anyone trying to promote more healthful eating. People say they want to eat lower-calorie, nutritious food—and then skip every opportunity they can to do so. The assumption is if a food is good for you, it must be boring.

Beausoleil, of course, knows this is not true. But he is at the high end of a trend that is only now starting to sweep the North American food industry. At the fast-food end, chains such as Subway, even McDonald's, are taking their healthier fares in national campaigns. Get the issue, nutritionists say, is about more than just healthy choice—

about having a salad instead of fries with your hamburger. The big challenge ahead is portion size—nothing less than redesigning the national dinner plate.

One group making a determined stab at this is the American Institute for Cancer Research. To help heretics householders do well at home, it has an approach that is simply itself: just eyeball the layout of the plate. A variety of vegetables, whole grains, beans and other plant foods should take up at least 1/3 of the space, leaving 1/3 or less for animal protein—and that should be at the three-to-four-ounce range.

The institute features this guideline in its *The New American Plate Cookbook*, a glossy tome with 200 recipes and the sort of enticing photos sometimes referred to as "food porn."

It must be enticing on published in March, the cookbook is already on a second printing. To help with the sell, dietitian and contributor Melissa Pollack says the team that wrote it made a deliberate choice not to use the word "diet." "Diet implies something short-term," she says. "We want people to change how they think about food."

When it comes to selling about food, health can be a hard sell. Allowing Karl Moore, a marketing expert at McGill University's faculty of management, he saw the challenge first-hand when investigating why, despite expressed concern for the environment, a range of so-called green products sat untouched on store shelves when they were first introduced. To be accepted, specialty products have to match consumers' regular fare both in availability and price. Even so, Moore says marketing health concerns are creating big opportunities. He cites the redesigning machines in the arena where he plays hockey each week. Five years ago they sold only sugary pop, while today they stock bottled water. "It's expensive water," Moore says, "but I buy it because it's there." RHM



Recall the plate: meat should be no more than a third, vegetables a third.

weight, let alone is someone who is obese," he's rather scarce, it's more complex than that." This complexity means that there will likely never be a single magic bullet for weight loss, but that a number of solutions may work. Some of the problems, it turns out, may be in your genes. There are at least 480 of them associated with obesity, says

Diane Ringgold, associate director of the Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes, part of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

Some people may be more susceptible than others to putting on weight, Angelo Del Parigi wasn't specifically looking at that issue, but research he did at the U.S.



FIVE WAYS TO TRICK YOUR HUNGRY BRAIN

Research continues to shed new light on how the brain functions, including how it registers hunger and being full, and why it can drive people to overeat. So can would-be dieters use this information to their advantage? Some suggestions that may help your mind to work with, not against, your brain in the fight against fat:

1 The number of people you share a meal with influences how much you eat. Researchers find people eat the least when alone; they tend to moderate how much they eat when in a small group, and eat more when in a large group where no one notices others' dinnerware behavior.

2 Eating alone does not apply at the drive-through, where the atmosphere lets you enjoy high-calorie fast-food gas-it-free.

3 Limit soft drinks and other sugary beverages. The exact mechanism isn't known, but the brain seems not to register calories from liquids, which pass through the stomach quickly, in the same way as it registers those from foods, which contribute to feelings of satiety. Absent a sense that enough energy has been consumed, the brain doesn't send the signal to quit eating or to eat less at the next meal.

4 Try to avoid eating when stressed. Stress hormones in the body and brain increase both how much you want to eat and the desire for soft, gooey comfort foods.

5 Don't eat that first potato chip—it's true, you can't eat just one. It's easier to maintain restraint than regain it.

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National Institutes of Health in Phoenix, Ariz., may shed light on it. Using PET scans, Del Parigi studied the neurology of hunger and satiety—medical jargon for “had enough.” In the scans of both lean and obese people fasting and after a 36-hour fast, hunger showed up broadly in the hypothalamus and other limbic areas, while satiety was represented in the prefrontal cortex. However, the obese had a number of abnormal responses in both areas, which seem to indicate that they feel hungry more often and take longer to feel full. People who had lost weight, however, still showed abnormalities in their scans, indicating that even though their bodies were leaner, their brains remained “fat.” Del Parigi said that normal responses to hunger and satiety may be a warning sign that someone is predisposed to obesity. One tantalizing question for further research, however, is whether the abnormalities caused the weight gain, or the weight gain caused the abnormalities.

Still, there is positive news in the fight against obesity—in the form of clear evidence the public can be re-educated to enjoy healthier foods. Over the past five years, Danisco Canada quietly reduced the sugar content of its yogurt by 12 percent. And, notes company president and CEO Louis Frenette, it accomplished this not only with no complaints, but sales in that period actually increased. Also, Dr. David Ludwig, director of the obesity program at Boston's Children's Hospital, said that youngsters who come from outside North America often find fast food disgusting. They have to learn to like it. And that presumably means others can learn how not to like it.

Jewell's research has done research that also supports that contention. His studies indicate that the willpower to override impulses is influenced by what children are taught as they grow up. This suggests that if adults make eating healthy food a rewarding experience, children will develop a better ability to control their food impulses. Of course, he didn't study the particular kids in Montreal's Les ateliers d'agapies program. And there's no evidence that such early interventions will have an effect over a lifetime. But until researchers can tease more secrets from the tangle of neurons that make up our internal reward system, encouraging brains and taste buds to enjoy healthy food foods to be the best weapon you in the battle of the bulge.



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ADVICE TO INVESTORS: BE COOL

There are many reasons why Canadian stocks should bounce back

IT TOOK A WHILE. For months, Wall Street had been reassuring investors that stock prices would keep rising, while its clients were worrying about those two big costs that were obviously rising—energy and short-term interest rates. Finally, the plummeted invariable spreads, peaked hours before in Times Square headquarters became the epitome of New York's Eve moment. The two major U.S. indices, the S&P 500 and the Dow Industrials, kept climbing until March. The blood-letting got under way in the week before U.S. tax time (April 15).

As we are daily told by big-name gloomies, America's global influence is as serious, if not terminal, decline. Wall Street's overall regional interest focused on the world. That Canadian oil stocks were among the hardest hit may suggest to the casual observer that the sell-off was irrational: why should the most obvious beneficiaries of expensive oil, the producers, get socked along with the most obvious losers, such as General Motors? But a huge period in just days to such earlier gloomy energy companies (April 7 to April 15) as EnCana (from \$90 to \$50) and Canadian Natural Resources (from \$71 to \$63), doesn't stress an iron law of finance: when the trouble is real, the guy in the waiting room who protests he was there to protest the regulations also gets snubbed.

Should Canadians who have prospered from the three-year performance of the industrial world's strongest stock market dump their stocks now because the world's biggest stock market got scared by \$50 oil and 2.75 per cent fed funds rates?

A few reasons to stay cool. First, the Fed won't keep raising rates if it sees the U.S. economy is slowing out. Second, oil prices



Oil in the ground, like in the Alberta tar sands (above), is worth for more than a year ago.

are high because global demand is higher than Wall Street's "experts" thought, while global capacity to produce and refine oil are lower than those so called experts thought. Oil production is in permanent decline from most of the major oil reserves of the world, including the two biggest—Saudi Arabia's Ghawar and Mexico's Cantarell. There are major reserves that could be brought on stream from some OPEC members, such as the Gulf states and Venezuela, but they

are heavy, high-sulphur crudes, and the world has insufficient refinery capacity to process such low-grade material. There hasn't been a new refinery built in the U.S. since 1976, and more than half the refineries operating back then have been shut down for loss of markets including the high cost of complying with new environmental standards. Whether world adjusts to high priced energy, it will get back to work.

The third reason for investors to stay calm is that the recent softness in the Canadian dollar, which has caused foreigners to scale back their purchases of Canadian equities, is caused, in part, by the publicity abroad on the political fallout from the Gomery inquiry. Canadians abroad must make their own appraisals of the tale from that political mess. They may well conclude that no matter who is in charge in Ottawa, oil is the ground in Alberta is worth far more than a year ago, and decide to take advantage of this bad publicity to add to their portfolios in the

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leading companies, most notably the oil sands producers. That makes sense to me. There will be no return to the National Energy Policy (Proof of progress: the man who drilled that disaster now runs the TD Bank.)

Finally, the Toronto stock market has only suffered a small decline to New York's. On the S&P 500 and more recent for roughly 10 per cent of the weighting, but that share rises to 25 per cent on the S&P 500. That means that New York has seen some 60 per cent increase in the impact of the impact of high commodity prices, while Toronto has a favourable one-to-one.

So a Canadian investor carrying even more exposure to the oil sands than the Toronto stock market index can feel somewhat sitting about. Well, it's not the case. It is hard to make a case that New York will have a good year, because the S&P 500 and the Dow are heavily weighed in stocks that either don't benefit from expensive energy and metals, or are downright hurt by them. The U.S. stock market is notable for companies that rely on engineering, technology, marketing and competitiveness to earn profits. Canada's stock market is notable for companies that rely on resources that have been under the ground for hundreds of millions of years.

What's best about Canada from an investment standpoint happened some before the first boom appeared, and that doesn't get much publicity in the media. What's worst about Canada happened since the Second World War, and that got lots of publicity in the media. The best is real and can be relied on. The worst is debatable, and may not be as bad as it sometimes seems. Owners of the great resource stocks can certainly lose in the short term, but they know that, because the price of their products is determined by the global marketplace, no foreign competitors are going to be able to squeeze their profit margins—or drive them out of business. That security does not apply to holders of shares of companies in mining of America's biggest industries, such as computers, pharmaceuticals and the auto manufacturers.

The U.S. and European industries must at risk from Chinese and Indian competition have far more market capitalization than all the oil and mining sectors in the world. That's why many stock markets were struggling in the months before they suddenly jumped.

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increasingly, Grade 6 graduation is taking on the pomp, circumstance and attire of high school proms

ADRIENNE ARCHIBALD still hasn't decided who, if anyone, she'll accompany to her graduation prom in June. She's already been asked by two boys—both cute—but for now she's leaving her options open. A few weeks ago, in her quest to find the perfect dress, Adrienne tramped more than 30 candy-coloured runways in Fashion Cycles II, Missionsville, a trendy boutique on Vancouver's Queen Street West, before settling on a \$390 royal-blue cocktail dress with spaghetti straps, silver detailing and a delicate lace-up bodice. She'll have to wait for the right heels and accessories, and on the day of the dance, she and her friends plan to get their heads professionally done. But no, they won't be taking a limo to the event, she says, giggling. "We're actually taking a school bus so we can all ride at the same time." After all, most of them—Adrienne included—are only 12.

Increasingly, Grade 6 graduations—which once consisted of blurry photographs, diplomas and all sorts of swirling spread of smiles and awestruck "dada!"—is morphing into the social event of the elementary school year, particularly in affluent communities. Often organized by parents and funded by bake sales and raffles, these dinners and dances go on—whether in the school gym or a rented hall—get fully booked a week before the first run-

in with high heels, up-dos and slow dancing. Retailers say some parents are spending anywhere between \$200 and \$2,000 to outfit their girls for the big night.

"It's a special night," says Adrienne's mother, retired lawyer Lisa Peterson, who's heading up the grad party committee at her daughter's public school in west-side Moore Park. For a lot of these kids, she says, leaving elementary school means being separated from classmates they've known since kindergarten. "It's a really big deal with my friends," says Adrienne. "It's just really exciting and it's going to be sad because it's our last big celebration together."

Not that it's surprising: teens should wear their redneck commitment with the same pomp and circumstance girls once reserved for high school senior. As consumers, this generation of nine- to 14-year-olds has come of age earlier than any other cohort. Operated and media savvy, they influence more than \$20 billion in Canadian household purchases a year—including clothing, magazines, cosmetics and hygiene products custom designed for them. "This is a generation of power," says Karen Gordon, a Toronto parent-teen coach. "They have a lot of money and make a lot of demands." They also have parents who are more



likely so comfy with—and delight in—their precocious consumer desires. "A lot of parents now have more money, so they really like to lavish it on their kids," says Gordon. "They're having fewer kids and they have dual incomes." Naturally, retailers aren't complaining. "Each year our clientele is getting younger," says Lisa Chiodi, owner of Vancouver's After Five Fashion, a popular boutique for prom dresses. "We estimate Grade 6 girls now make up 20 per cent of our business during prom season." "This would've been zero five years ago."

Formal tween fashion—much like casual tween fashion—tends to mirror styles popular among teens and celebrities. Currently, this includes sexy, spaghetti straps and



one-shoulder dresses—scaled down and adjusted for age appropriateness. Still, says Chiodi, sometimes these upstarts look a little more bare than their parents would like. "So we'll try to sell them a little corset or belt," he says. "So dress-enge over the topless, some elementary schools now hand out guidelines for appropriate attire," says James McMorran, principal of Roslyn School in Montreal. "But I think a majority of people use common sense."

For some dad bods, the whole idea of a Grade 6 graduation dinner seems



like too much pressure at a time when girls are particularly vulnerable to low self-esteem. "I think it's ridiculous," says Dr. Arlene Lufkin, a child psychiatrist at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Not only do these events create pressure among girls to wear the right clothes and face them to contend with body-image issues prematurely, she says, but there's also the pressure to date and experiment with sexuality before many of them are emotionally ready. (At Adrienne's school, says Peterson, "everybody goes together. You don't need a date to go to this prom.")

These events can put pressure on parents, too. "I have a mother agree to buy her daughter a \$250 dress," says Lee Anne Goodman, a Toronto-based journalist whose daughter graduated from Grade 6 a few years ago. "When you feel like a bad parent if you're not going out and buying a really nice dress like a teenager, I went along with it." It's expensive. Lufkin agrees. "But you just don't think about it, you do it because it means a lot to her." It's not unlike the Canadian rule, except the coach is mom's Volvo, and it leaves well before midnight.

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GOD'S GIFT TO WOMEN

From a Darwinian standpoint, female orgasm may be as frivolous as male nipples

WHY, O WHY? It's been 52 years since scientists first identified the female orgasm as a legitimate subject of scrutiny (thank you, Dr. Kinsey). But they still can't settle on its reason d'être. Theories abound on how this intensely pleasurable pelvic reflex—which is overwhelmingly, though not exclusively, enjoyed by humans (a few other female primates can dream)—contributes to the survival of our species. And because each explanation affects how we think about “natural” female sexuality and relations between the sexes, feminists have been eager participants in these debates. But most evolutionary—feminist or not—aren't keen to embrace the idea that the female climax could be entirely without evolutionary benefit. No matter how obviously and dogmatically pursued in the bedroom, it may be as frivolous as, say, the male nipple.

Recent questions of the power of male orgasm, it's obvious—dances and episodes are the same for men. But female ecstasy isn't self-evidently linked to procreation. Women don't need to feel the earth move in order to get pregnant. And the majority of those asked by Alfred Kinsey, William Masters and Virginia Johnson, Shere Hite and other prominent sociologists reported that they don't regularly climax during intercourse. In fact, between five and 10 per cent don't enjoy the big O at all.

But let's not permit the facts to get in the way. As Indiana University philosopher Elisabeth Lloyd points out in her new book *The Case of the Female Orgasm* (Harvard), the well-documented “apophantic orgasmic discrepancy” isn't the only hard evidence about female sexuality to be overlooked by evolutionists. Citing this, male bias and the well-understood notion that female orgasm is adaptive (that is, evolutionary purpose is to ensure the long-term survival of the species), Lloyd knocks down all but one of the 23 or so arguable explanations. Along the way, she makes a critical distinction between sexual arousal, which she sees as critical to evolu-



tionary action because it is what women want to have sex (and thus result in pregnancy), and female orgasm, which she argues is merely a bonus.

British biologist Desmond Morris took the first stab at accounting for the paradox of female pleasure, in 1967, with the publication of *The Naked Ape*. Female orgasm, he

said, greatly irritates because it is what women want to have sex (and thus result in pregnancy), and female orgasm, which she argues is merely a bonus.

SEX TIRES men out but leaves women hungry for more—our female ancestors may have got out of bed to go cruising

said, was ultimately a way to shore up the hunt, because orgasms are a “reward” for “pair bonding,” women were unlikely to be promiscuous, firing men for days on end to walk home without warning that their girl might shack up with a non-hunting wazoo. Morris also suggested the much touted

and gravity theory. Orgasms, he reasoned, both irritate and exhaust the female, causing her to decline immediately after copulations, and thus ensuring the child's fertilization. The trouble is, Lloyd argues, it's men who are irritated and exhausted by sex; women are usually left wanting more—a state that might, she speculates, have led our foremothers' decisions to get out of bed and go cruising.

Compelling theories since Morris's version continued. For the most part, to the notion that women's apparent sexual gratification serves some grand evolutionary purpose. Female orgasm, it's been argued, enhances the emotional connection between partners, making women want to coo and cure for their men. Another theory holds that it motivates women to have lots of intercourse with the same men, thereby improving the chances of fertilization, a counter explanation suggests it motivates them to have lots of sex with different men, thereby increasing the number of pups

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who, not knowing if the offspring is the sex or not, won't hurt or kill the babies. Alternatively, some researchers suggest organisms evolve which follow will be good caregivers (if he's evolved enough to bring you to the heights of passion, surely he'll look out for the kids, too).

Others emphasize the individual physiological benefits that do contribute to the species' Darwinian struggle. Female orgasm, according to one account, thus any organism would need to coordinate, is therefore, relieving the pelvic vascular congestion brought about by foisting sexual. Then there's the "spinal" theory, which claims a woman's orgasmic contractions from one minute before ejaculation to 45 minutes after help usher the sperm (and, in one version, only the desirable sperm) to their target—as an explanation familiar to couples undergoing fertility treatment.

Author Lloyd contends all these scenarios lack scientific rigour. To his, the "most logical" was published in 1979 by William Bernad and David Barash. Here (and elsewhere) her book is a little tough going for those not steeped in evolutionary method. The two cited a tenuous link between rate of orgasm and spontaneous abortion, suggesting a selective advantage to especially reproductive females in the raw, brutal and short world of our ancestors, whose infants of women taken as spoils of war were possibly killed, such abortions would be viewed evolutionary strategy. The authors based this theory on a fascinating feature of the female rat, who releases fetal tissue as an evolutionary trade-off to conceive, thus saving the potential loss from being killed by the stranger.

Scholar Richard Alexander and Katharine Noonan strain credulity even more, arguing that the actual orgasm isn't critical to this process. Rather, a woman's orgasm, coupled with other functions that convey the pleasure are all that matters. That's because a woman (and suspicious male who believes her partner is carrying another man's offspring) will pleasure her in order to induce an abortion. But given the health risks of spontaneous abortions to the mother, Lloyd counters, an equally sane partner would simply proceed to reach her zenith. Alexander and Noonan, it turns out, have only figured out (and about organisms) why having an orgasm makes evolutionary sense.

Rejecting all of the above, Lloyd settles

on the topographical fact, the most, most scientifically solid theory around. At the time the abortion-as survival-strategy was brewing, University of California evolutionary psychologist Donald Symons proposed female orgasm is nothing more nor less than a by-product of the early stages of a human embryo's development. Fertilized eggs, male and female, share the same physiological characteristics for the first eight weeks after conception, at which point the male embryo releases hormones that kick-start the development of different sexual organs.

Because male orgasm is so crucial to the species' reproduction, all the necessary equipment is present from the beginning. Not only do the penis and the uterus stem out from the same organ, but so do the rule testis, nervous and erectile tissues. From an evolutionary perspective, female orgasm is superfluous. Women are so endowed, as Symons is asserting, purely by virtue of our

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beginnings as undifferentiated beings. (The same theory, on the grounds that incest-freaking is critical to our survival, is widely held to explain the male rapist.)

So what are we to make of the fact that women may be getting a free ride? Lloyd suggests that it helps explain a lot about women's sexual behaviour, most notably the endowment of orgasmic experience. If the species doesn't depend on us, we can all relax: there isn't a single natural or optimal model, and neither frigidity nor promiscuity is dysfunctional. Further, considered along side studies of two Polygynous mammals (where of women are typically drawn, she writes), the by-product explanation suggests that ultimately female orgasm may be an acquired response, an innate capacity that women can learn to turn on or off.

Lloyd hasn't written off the possibility that an "abuse" and "naturally designed" Darwinian function has yet to be discovered. For now, she makes a convincing case that from an evolutionary perspective, female orgasm is just the icing, not the cake. □

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NICOLE'S BAD HAIR DAY

The *Interpreter*'s plot can't compete with the intrigue of Kidman's curls

THE PROSPECT OF SEEING Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn run the United Nations into a Hollywood backdrop has no intrigues. *The Interpreter* is the first movie ever filmed inside UN headquarters in New York. It's an old-fashioned thriller from an old-fashioned director, Sydney Pollack (*Bosse, Out of Africa*). And with Penn and Kidman in the leads, I was looking forward to something solid, suspenseful and vaguely political. But as I watched *The Interpreter*, what kept me on the edge of my seat was not the assassination plot at the center of the story, or the chemistry between the two stars. It was Nicole's hair.

Let me explain. There's always a thrill in observing two major actors who've never been

lost his wife in a car crash. He's just sleeping, and he reports to work all jittery and vulnerable. Penn acts with such frayed intensity, it's as if he's visiting the set from another movie, and it's better than the one we're watching. Penn's character is a mess. This man is not taking care of himself. But someone has found the time to take care of his hair. It's shoe-polish brown with a dusting of gray at the temples, and it's rippled with a perfect wave. But, unlike Nicole's, at least it's looked solidly into place.

The irony here is that *The Interpreter* is being sold on the basis of its authenticity, as the first movie shot within the UN's hallowed walls. Hollywood does this all the time. Love-hate money and American onsets and locations, it constructs a backdrop of farcical realism only to create a poorly synthetic product. The most clearly fake component is often the script, though the ramblings of film actors those days can patch over the weak spots. In movies ranging from *The Untouchables* to *Die Hard*, Kidman has proven she's an exceptional talent, and even overcomes the business of the fake nose in *The Hours*. But lately she's let her wardrobe upstage her talent. In *Gold*, *Moulin*, her hair and wardrobe were so over-the-top, the looked more like a model prepping for a major photo shoot than a film woman stuck in the backwoods of North Carolina during the Civil War. I'm beginning to wonder if Nicole's hair has a general contract for each movie. For the role of a justice who seduces Anthony Hopkins in *The Human Stain*, it was wild and red. For *Birth*, she chopped it right off, as if channeling Mia Farrow from *Runaway Baby*.

Nicole is doing for hair what Meryl Streep did for accents. And it's distracting. In *The Interpreter*, her blond ambivalence suffers from too much attention, and not enough. Hollywood has proven, time and time again, that we go to movies to see stars. But sometimes, like Nicole's wayward curls, the star needs to be pulled back so we can see the movie.



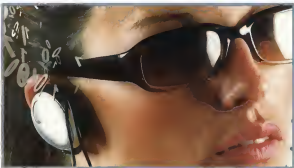
The two photos bottom right are from her new role—does her hair have a contract of its own?

onscreen together. (Remember Piccolo and De Niro in *Heat*?) So as Kidman and Penn squared off for their first big moment, in a lounge at the UN, I was paying special, by design, attention. *Silvia* (Kidman) is an interpreter who has overheard a plot to assassinate an African leader as he delivers a speech to the General Assembly. John (Penn) is the secret service agent questioning her. There's a tension between them from the moment they meet. But I kept being distracted by Nicole's hair. Not just because it's blonder than usual, but because of the weird way it cascades across her right eye. *Heaven*. Could someone who spends long days in a glass booth, installing, possibly look like that?

The camera cuts to Penn and back to Kidman. Wait a minute. Suddenly, her hair is away from her eye. *Hub!* Cut to Penn again, then to Kidman. Now the hair is back in front of the eye. Throughout the scene, Nicole's head keeps moving around, as if it has a mind of its own. I tried to follow the script's intrigue, but all I could think about is how the crew must have spent a whole day shooting these few minutes of dialogue, and between the hairdresser and the contrary person, someone lost the thread. I imagined the editor trying to cut around her migrating tresses in the hope that no one would notice.

On the lookout for continuity glitches for the rest of the movie, I started to worry about Sean's hair. His character has just

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and transfer it to an iPod. The iPod also features a brilliantly simple click wheel user interface and terrific sound.

The iPod line uses three different types of storage. The original iPods and new iPod photo (\$199 to \$370) have 20- to 60-gigabyte (GB) hard drives. They're the size and weight of a deck of cards. The iPod mini (\$250 to \$325), which is the size of a small stack of business cards, uses 8GB or 16GB mini-drives. And the iPod shuffle models (\$130 to \$190), smaller than a pack of gum, store music in 512 MB or 1GB of flash memory.

While it is enormously popular, iPod is just the tip of the portable music player iceberg. Companies such as Creative Labs, iRiver, RCA and Sony are giving Apple a run for its money.

Sony in particular has learned from Apple the importance of the way music players look. One of the things a lot of young people tell us is that they see these products as a way to express their uniqueness, to identify themselves," says Sony's Remida.

The company's latest 500 series digital Walkman products are about the long-thin landscape cube and a quarter-inch thick. They come in a range of liquid metallic colors and feature organic electron-beam technology for the brightest possible display.

In the car

Most new car CD players can play discs with MP3 and other digital music files. You can copy several hours of digital music from a computer library to a single disc. All the major car stereo makers have MP3 CD decks from about \$150 to \$700 or more.

A smaller but growing number of car decks feature auxiliary audio lines so jacks so you can connect a digital music player using a standard audio cable plugged into the player's headphone or line-out jack. Sony's 2005 Xplod Specialty Series (\$280 to \$460) offers this feature.

It's also possible to play digital music from a portable player over a car stereo system using a cassette (\$25) or FM adapter (\$40).

iPod has also made its presence felt in the car audio realm. High-end automobiles such as BMW, Volvo and Audi Romeo now offer iPod interfaces. Alpine, one of the premier names in car audio, makes an adapter, the KCA-120 (about \$130), that allows you to plug an iPod into any of its 2004 or NET high-end models and control it from the car system.

Infiniti Cooper expects wireless networking will be new. "Just imagine: your car pulls into the garage and the Wi-Fi-enabled player automatically logs on to the home network and begins downloading a fresh selection of music from your PC library for the next day," SonyCar already has a product that does that. Others will follow, Cooper believes.



Sony's WH5000
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The D-Link Wireless Media Player
The D-Link Wireless Media Player is a small, sleek, and powerful device that connects to a wireless network. It offers a variety of features, including a built-in display and play button.

At home

Some of the most exciting changes are happening in the home. High-quality audio peripherals can turn any PC into a great digital music player. But most people don't want computers in their music listening rooms.

While it's where Wi-Fi networks—now simple and inexpensive enough for consumers—and media center PCs are starting to change things.

Wi-Fi lets you distribute digital entertainment from room to room. A Wi-Fi network consists of a router (\$70 to \$100), usually connected to a high-speed Internet service, plus computers and media devices that wirelessly communicate with each other and, through the router, with the Internet. Adapters for computers cost \$60 to \$100.

Now add a wireless music player, such as Creative Labs Sound Blaster Wireless Music Receiver (\$340). It plugs into your home entertainment system, receives digital music streamed over the Wi-Fi network from your PC and feeds it to the stereo for superior sound.

Wireless media products, such as MediaLounge from D-Link (\$250) take it further, letting you stream music from Internet radio stations. They even deliver digital videos from your computer to a TV.

Media center PCs (MCPs) offer an entirely different way to solve the problem. They're designed to sit near to the home entertainment center and manage digital media distribution throughout the home. Some even look like home entertainment components rather than PCs—though they do come with keyboards.

MCPs can record TV programs off the air onto their huge hard drives, and store all your digital music, too. They connect directly to TV and stereo, but also have Wi-Fi networking to send digital entertainment to other rooms in the house.

Consumer electronics vendors are getting into networked digital music, too. Onkyo has a new line of Net-Tune Network Receivers (\$360 to \$1,500). They're conventional stereo and A/V receivers that can connect to a network using Ethernet cables or, with the addition of a Wi-Fi bridge, wirelessly. The Net-Tune products play music stored as computers in the network, plus Internet radio stations.

The ubiquitous iPod, meanwhile, can play a role as well. Several manufacturers have developed speaker systems that double as iPod charging docks—the clock-looking and big-looking Bose SoundDock (\$400), for example. Slip the iPod into the dock, push play and music fills the room. Of course, you can also plug an iPod or any portable digital music player into your stereo system.

The changes all these technologies have wrought are profound, but don't think for a moment we've seen the last of them. The digital music revolution continues. Stay tuned. ➤



The Sound Blaster Wireless Music system
A wireless receiver works with an existing wireless network to let you stream music to select and play back MP3 and other files, so that you can enjoy the best of both worlds.



SoundBlaster 5
SoundBlaster 5 is a wireless music receiver that connects to a wireless network. It offers a variety of features, including a built-in display and play button.



The SoundDock
They say, to music systems from Bose will change the way you listen to your iPod. It's a great gift. Put it in your car, use the docking cable and get it all done right in your room. (Bose.com)



Ben Mulroney finishes John Intini's sentences

When the *Canada Now* troupe wraps up this month, Ben Mulroney will have ordered 32 coast-to-coast worth of northern-shirring episodes in three months (the \$160 kys on the road matched only by the number of times he flexed his Canadian-wild smile), the 25-year-old law grad turned-TV host of CTV's *Intini* talk *Daily*, finished Mulroney's Associate Editor John Intini's sentences.

I AM NOT EMBARRASSED TO ADMIT THAT MY GO-TO COLLECTION includes not only Ben Mulroney's *Ben's Back* Know It's True by *Bill Vandi* (in the show's 10th episode) Mack the Knife (or anything by Frank Sinatra). The adjectives in there are excellent.

INTINI ALWAYS HAD A GOAT GOAT FOR

[former federal NDP leader, now an MP] Ed Broadbent. He reminded me of a time when I WASN'T SO TALENTED. I GOT MY BUTT KICKED in every sport I try, I play tennis, basketball and pool, but never well enough to win MY MUM TALENT ME that caffeine makes me twitchy. So I haven't had coffee since November.

I GOT PREPARED OUT when my dad's friends—his (Power Corp. founder) *Paul Desmarais*—told him that they regularly watch *Canada Now* it's not weird. I MODEL MY STYLE after B. B. King and the image that one has of the mayor of Palm Beach, Fla.

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Books | A father's ultimate failure

Probably best known for his years of arts commentary on CBC TV, David Gelman is also an accomplished novelist, the author of five previous books featuring backsliding, comically unfulfilled male characters generally taken to be losers. Certainly that's the way most critics are reading his last novel, *A Perfect Night* to go to China, where Gelman's subject matter takes a sharp turn, revealing his own second marriage, which has brought him a step-daughter. The book's protagonist, Toronto TV host David, makes his last television one night, following his son, Simon, to a sleep-in at his hotel and checking out of the house for 15 minutes, before becoming reabsorbed in the video game. Unless a reader then an extended meditation on a parental—and, unless David, perhaps a young professional—right man, *A Perfect Night* to go to China, David Gelman's The last, still, \$25.95



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RARE KUDOS AT CRISIS TIME

Martin's long-awaited foreign policy statement is pretty impressive

DON'T BE SURPRISED if you missed it, but Paul Martin's government actually was some good reviews last week. As is often the case with struggling politicians, the more generous strokes tended to come from the out-of-town critics.

What was the address in the midst of the firestorm was the Martin government's International Policy Statement. The address was members of the foreign diplomatic corps in Ottawa. At the risk of wild over-generalization, the dip corps hasn't been more impressed with Martin's government than the locals. But when he finally spoke to their concerns,

many liked what they heard.

Way back in 2002 when he was only an out-of-work co-ordinator minister and the world seemed fresh and new, Martin would answer hard questions about his foreign and defense policy by saying that what Canada really needed was a review. His policy was to come up with policy.

It took such a very long time to actually produce a coherent statement about the future of Canada's military, diplomatic, trade and aid efforts that when it actually landed last week in a crisis-racked capital, it looked like just another desperate attempt to change the topic from scandal. But to write it off that easily would be to dismiss more than a year's work on an important subject, and even here on The Rack Page we can't bring ourselves to be quite so cruel.

Really, what's so striking about the international policy statement (everyone in Ottawa calls it the "IPR," even though it's a "Statement," not a "Review"/"Longform") is how relatively clear-eyed it is about the formidable gap between Canada's self-image and its recent performance in the world. It contains what is so rare in Paul Martin's Ottawa: a determination to foster modest progress over self-congratulation.

"I was surprised, actually, by the reality check in it," one European diplomat told me. "There was no-how shall I put it—omission in it."

Surprised indeed. The Martin plan includes doubling Canada's overseas military cap-



ability within five years and giving more over-see tasks to the army. It will create a new "Canada Command" to coordinate efforts, mostly by the navy and air force, in the diverse Canadian theatre, which flows from terrorism, natural disaster and global diseases.

It calls for a big boost in the number of Foreign Affairs employees to get out of Ottawa and into Canadian missions abroad.

It urges China, India, Brazil, the Americas and the European Union for more ambitious trade negotiations.

And it concerns development assistance on 25 countries that continue real need with real promise for progress, instead of spraying aid money uselessly at dozens more countries.

Don't worry. I'll get to the bad news. But Martin has had so little to back him up lately that it's worth dwelling on the good. My European source found cause for cheer

in almost every chapter. In the recognition that Canada itself could become a combat theatre: "In a world of asymmetrical threats"—assessments using the crudest weapons to ruin society's own complacency against it—"that makes sense." In the promise of an increased diplomatic presence abroad: "Since I became a diplomat, my country has been cutting every year. I'm jealous."

Another Western diplomat concurred: "There is recognition throughout the document that Canada's role in the world is not what it used to be." And there are modest but measurable steps to increase that role—built, not on delusions about Canada as a beacon to the world, but on the surprisingly adult recognition that before Canada can become a model citizen, it must first get into the habit of making the most payments just as the neighbours do.

Which makes one glancing failure of reason in the document all the more disappointing.

Remember Bono, the rock star, at Paul Martin's coronation bank in 2003? Loss of fun. But he actually came because he had a point to make.

"You see, the richest countries made a promise 35 years ago: give 0.7 per cent of their GDP to the poorest of the poor. Yet through out the 1990s, a period of unfathomable wealth and prosperity, we gave less and less," Bono said. "We've got to get to 0.7. I've just been talking to Paul Martin, I feel confident he's going to make that journey."

Or not. Last week's policy statement sets no timetable for reaching the goal that so inspired Bono. France, Germany, Belgium and Britain have all announced a plan to spend 0.7 per cent of their amazing wealth on reducing poverty in the world. Martin's plan would leave Canada far below. In 2000, it seemed reasonable to expect vaulting ambition from this prime minister. Today you're just glad to take what you can get. ■

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